UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, Plaintiff, v. SANTANNA NATURAL GAS CORPORATION d/b/a Santanna Energy Services, Defendant.	)	Case No. 05 C 6711 Judge St. Eve Magistrate Judge Cole

SANTANNA NATURAL GAS CORPORATION'S
MOTION TO REFER CASE TO BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

Defendant Santanna Natural Gas Corporation ("Santanna"), by one of its attorneys, Paul F. Markoff of Crowley Barrett & Karaba, Ltd., and pursuant to LR 40.3.1, moves to refer this case to a bankruptcy judge of this District. In support of its motion, Santanna states as follows:

1. On October 13, 2005, Santanna filed for protection pursuant to Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (Title 11 U.S.C.) in the Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division, case no. 05-17775-FRM.

2. Also on October 13, 2005, the State filed a one-count complaint against Santanna, alleging violations of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, 815 ILCS 505/1, *et seq.* ("CFA").

3. On November 28, 2005, Santanna removed this action to this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1441, 1452 and 1453 and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9027.

4. LR 40.3.1 provides that "all cases under Title 11 U.S.C. and any and all proceedings arising under Title 11 U.S.C. or arising in or related to any case under Title 11 U.S.C. are referred to the bankruptcy judge of this District."

5. Accordingly, due to Santanna's pending bankruptcy proceeding, this case must be referred to a bankruptcy judge of this District.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Santanna Natural Gas Corporation requests that this Court refer this case to a bankruptcy judge of this District and grant such other relief as this Court deems proper.

SANTANNA NATURAL GAS CORPORATION,
Defendant,

By: ______________________________
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